TARC NEWSLETER

TITUSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

NOVEMBER, 1994

OFFICERS

President: Bud Hughes K4CWG 269-0779 Secretary: Bobbi Sue Wood AD4VV 268-8537
Vice President: Cliff Hoag KC4SYD 267-7030 Treasurer: Clyde Lee K4EOS 267-9375

CLUB INFORMATION

TARC Meetings: Monthly on 4th Tuesday at 1900 hrs at Jaycee Building
TARC Nets: VIP - Thursdays at 1000 hrs on 146.910
Friendship - Thursdays at 1830 hrs on 146.910
Mosquito - Wednesdays at 1900 hrs on 28.333
TARC Repeaters: VHF - 146.910 and 146.970. UHF - 444.150

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Bud Hughes K4CWG

At our last club meeting you approved the purchase of the computer/printer. My thanks to you for that approval. As you can see, with extended capability Becky has incorporated many improvements in the news letter. Thanks, Becky, for the many hours you put into this project to make this a very good club paper.

Cliff - KC4SYD has done some ground work on the up coming TARC Christmas dinner. I hope we will have a good turn out for this special event. Make your plans now to come and enjoy.

The fox hunt in Daytona (New Smyrna Airport) was most enjoyable. Jerry KC4YDP brought home the trophy. Congratulations to you, Jerry. The TARC fox hunt will be Sunday, Oct. 23. Be sure and come down to K-Mart at 1:00 P.M. for the kick off.

Our next club meeting will be Tuesday, October 25. Plan on being at the meeting. Cliff has arranged for a speaker from Gap of Vero Beach. Come and bring along a friend. Til then, best of 73's.

COMPUTER CLASS SCHEDULE

The following computer classes are being offered by Expedient Services. Week days 6:30 - 8:30 pm; Saturdays 9 - 12 am. If you are interested in joining one of these classes, call 267-3450 and ask for Elaine.

DATES	SUBJECT	FEE
Nov. 1, 3, 8, 10	Basic Word	$79.00
Nov. 2, 4, 9, 11	Basic Computers	$39.00
Nov. 5, 12, 19	Hardware Course	$79.00
Nov. 14,15,17,18	Basic Excel	$79.00
Nov.28,29/Dec.1,2	Introduction to Windows	$149.00

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mark your calendars. The TARC Christmas dinner will be December 22, at 7:00 at the Holiday Inn on US#1 in Titusville. For more information listen to the nets and see next months newsletter.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11-01	KE4BBK	Ora Prosser
11-01	N2USO	Marie Gencorelli
11-04	KD4CBT	Carl Hughes
11-07	KD4MIV	Rich Metzgar
11-09	N4KCI	Chris Best
11-09	KE4GOQ	Mike Haddad
11-11	K4GXR	Ron Richardson
11-11	KE4BBF	Eugenia Mosier
11-12	KD4JYE	Teresa Ramos
11-14	KD4VFS	Steve Morris
11-14	KC4SYD	Cliff Hoag
11-16	KE4KNT	Bonnie Frost
11-18	WB8CLQ	Bob Cowgill
11-22	KE4AGL	Ralph Hall
11-22	KE4BBD	Derek McLean
11-23	KE4MSE	Raymond Hudson
11-25	KE4AUA	Larry Bruett
11-25	AA4HP	Hank Phillips
11-26	KD4HNW	Ken Denman
11-26	KC4HIO	Richard Sweatt
11-27	K4EGV	Charmaine Coffman
11-27	KR4HS	George Smith
11-28	K4VTY	Dave Springer
11-28	KD4JBE	Hoot Gibson
11-30	KE4AEC	Craig Mosier

HAM RADIO

From Newsline Radio

Technician class license holders outnumber General or any other by almost two to one. According to figures appearing in the September 15th issue of the W5YI Report newsletter, there are now 235,484 Technician class hams as compared to only 79,950 a decade ago. That's an increase of 194.5 % over the past ten years with most of it probably coming in the two years since the FCC created the code-free Technician Class ticket. Following behind the Technician class are the General with 124,589 today up from 116,804 ten years ago. That's a meager 6.7 % growth rate. The Advanced class shows somewhat better figures. There were 97,804 Advanced class hams in 1984. There are 111,587 now, an increase of close to 15%.

And the Extra class has grown by a goodly margin. There are now 65,942 Extra class hams. In 1984 there were only 35,624. That's a decade of growth approaching 85%.

And least we forget the much maligned Novice Class ticket, A license that has shown very little in the way of growth since the Technician went to No-Code testing. In 1984 there were 80,461 holders of Novice class entry level licenses. Today the Novice sits at 93,797 although most of those coming into the hobby through the Novice class did so before codeless licensing came into being. Non-the-less, a gain of close to 17% is more than reasonable over the ten years surveyed. If nothing else it says that the Novice class is far from the dead entity many predicted it would become.

But there is a bottom line to these figures and what it says is very simple to understand. A decade ago most amateurs held General Class or higher licenses. Today it is the No-Code Technician that is attracting the masses as both the point of entry and a place to stay throughout ones life-long ham radio career.

PUNITIVE ACTION IN VE PROBE

From Newsline Radio

The FCC has begin punitive action in the wake of widespread fraud in California's all volunteer amateur radio testing program.

The FCC takes action against 54 amateur radio operators connected with alleged license fraud in Southern California. The Commission plans to revoke the licenses of three hams and is canceling license upgrades for 51 others. Ordered to turn in their licenses are James B. Williams, AA6TC of Wilmington, CA, Robert L. Flores, N6WPQ of Santa Monica and his wife Rose Marie Flores, N6WPR. all three are former Volunteer Examiners holding Extra class licenses.

The Commission says that an exam session the three claim to have administered never actually took place.
The Commission accuses all three of willfully signing certificates showing that people who were not tested had passed elements necessary for amateur radio licenses.
The Commission singles out Rose Marie Flores as being in charge of the paperwork for one test session. Flores is accused of getting other VE's to sign certificates of completion for people the FCC says were not examined. The Commission issued a show cause order against the three September 27. They have 30 days to appeal or lose their ham licenses.

FCC is also punishing 51 other hams that received license upgrades from VE's suspected of fraud. In June, the Commission gave each amateur a choice: they could either take the test again, or lose their upgrade. Only 3 of the 51 appeared for retesting and all 3 failed. Now, the Commission is revoking the upgrades of all 51 hams received during exams in 1992 and 1993. The 3 amateurs who face losing their licenses are part of a larger group. Nearly 3 dozen VE's were suspended throughout California about a year ago.

There's speculation the the Commission's action may be the FCC's way of saying there's more to come.

ARRL BULLETIN

From Newsline Radio

If you hold a Technician class license issued before March 16, 1991, then you automatically are a Technician licensee with HF privileges (a Tech Plus). In some recent instances the FCC has processed the renewal or modification of such a Tech Plus license but has mistakenly issued a Technician (no-code) license. (Since June 8, 1994, new and renewed Tech Plus licenses have been clearly labeled as such.

If this has happened to you, do the following: Write to the FCC explaining the situation, including your current license status, with effective date. Include copies of both your "before" and "after" licenses. If you no longer have either a copy or the original of your previous license, say so in your letter. Send this to FCC, 1270 Fairfield Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245) or fax (717) 337-1541. Keep copies of all your correspondence with the FCC. Expect the matter to take 4 to 6 weeks to be resolved. In the meantime you may continue to exercise Tech Plus privileges.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

By Sherry Hughes

To all of you who donated food for the hamfest, we are grateful. The vegetable plates were a big success, and so many people came back to the window to thank us for both the tasty food and the reasonable prices. If it had not been for your generosity we could not have done it.

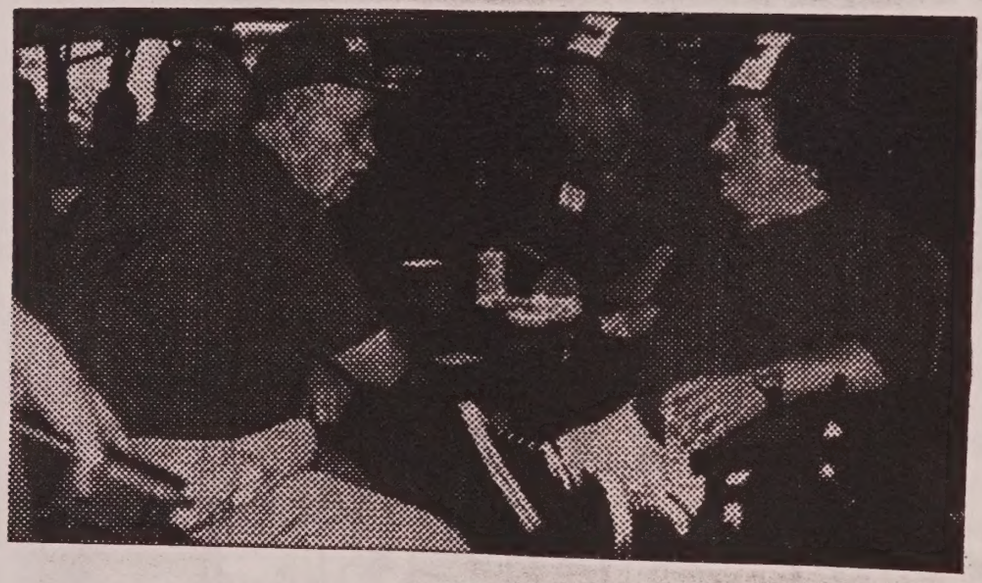
A big thank you to Becky Lee and Pauline Meeks who helped me plan and shop, plus they worked all day taking oders and money.

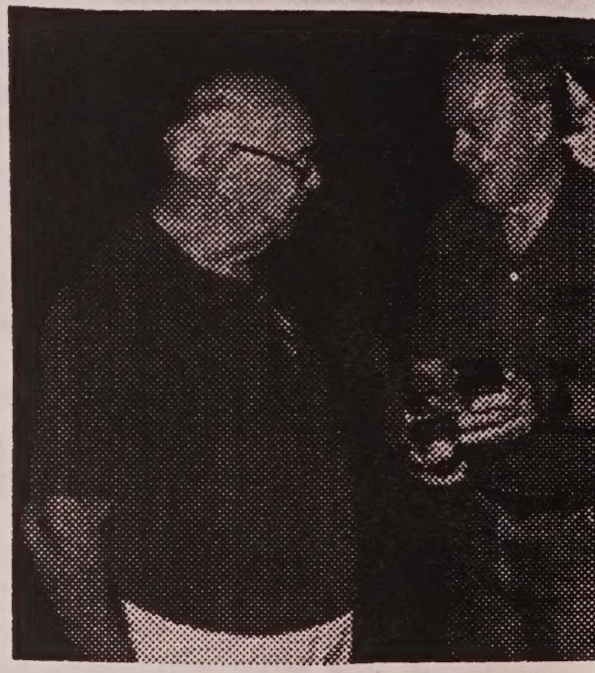
A big thank you, too, to Clara Abell, Kay Watson and son Kenny who all worked many hours.

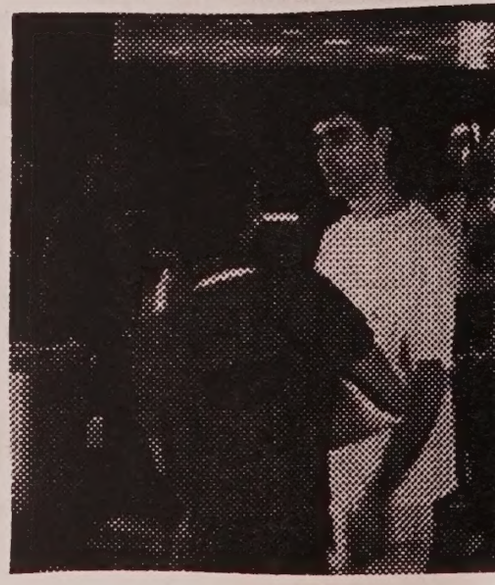
And last but not least, we want to thank all of you who worked those 3 hour shifts. They are: Bobbi Sue Wood, Fran Claudy, Sandy Hughes, Sandy Thorn, Pat Griner, Ora Prosser, Mona Skidmore, and Teressa Valek.

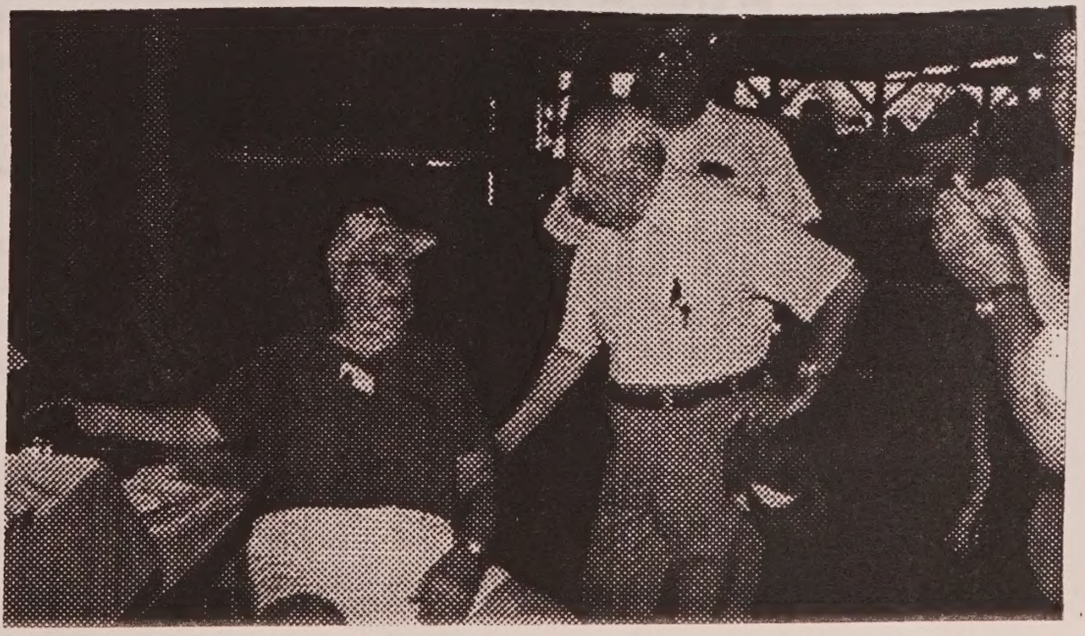
By the end of the hamfest we were all tired, but after the money was counted and we saw the nice profit, we were already talking about next year.

"And, Honey, wait 'til you see the shack. I've built the equipment into the wall.









TREASURER'S REPORT

By K4EOS Clyde Lee

BALANCE FORWARD FROM 1993	518.90
DEPOSITS Year to date	7716.37
TOTAL INCOME	$8235.27
EXPENDITURES	5643.80
BALANCE AS AT 09/30/94	$2591.47

THANK YOU, AL KOLLER KC4UWK FOR THE DONATION MADE TO THE CLUB IN MEMORY OF "TAG" TARTAGLIA - A SILENT KEY.

EDITOR'S DESK

By Becky Lee

Don't you just love the way the newsletter looks this month? We have Expedient Services to thank for this. The club could not have afforded to purchase the new computer hardware and software at retail. In fact, I doubt if we could have afforded it if Expedient Services had charged us the full wholesale price. The club owes Expedient Services a debt of gratitude - not only for the new computer set up, but for the copying of the newsletter each month and for all the other various and sundry clerical things that are routinely done for the club at their office at no cost. My personal thanks to all at Expedient Services who put the computer package together, and to Renaldo who was so patient with me while I was (am) learning to use the software.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

By Bobbi Sue Wood AD4VV

The meeting was called to order at 1910 hrs by Bud - K4CWG, with sixty-three members and guests in attendance. After the "pledge", silent prayer and introductions, Bud noted that KE4AGL - Ralph was hoping to get seven volunteers to man certain positions during hurricane alerts. Ralph handed out questionaires to those who seemed interested. After, the following items were discussed:

- Bud advised the members that he had provided a new computer, monitor and printer to the club to be used by Becky Lee to facilitate the printing of the monthly newsletter. He requested reimbursement in the amount of $852. The members so voted.

- K4EOS - Clyde reported that the club has filed for non profit bulk mail priviledges. If granted, this will reduce the cost of mailing the monthly newsletter, as well as other bulk mailings, by approximately 50%.

- The success of the hamfest was savored! Not only was it bigger and better than ever, the net income to the club exceeded $1400. Our Chairfolks: Les, Warren, Jose, Les Widick and Sherry, plus all their volunteer helpers, certainly did a marvelous job! Thanks, guys, just great! Also, it was agreed to schedule next year's fest on November 11, in order to preclude conflict with other area events in September/October.

- N4SCY - Ozzie equested volunteer help for the phase 3-D activity to be held on October 1, at the Orlando Airport, and for the Boy Scout Jamboree sheduled for October 17.

- K4SYD - Cliff reminded the members that the Friendship Net will resume each Thursday morning at 1000 hrs with KE4MWZ - Mike as the new net controller. Good luck, Mike!

- The 50/50 drawing was won by KD4JBL - Willie

- After the break and the goodies - courtesy of KD4VFQ - Kay, a most interesting and enjoyable presentation by KE4MWZ - Mike gave us a behind-the-scenes appreciation of the annual Jerry Lewis Telethon for M.S. Mike has been working this event for many years, and his knowledge of the affair plus his anecdotes regarding the doners, the participants, and the beneificiaries made for an entertaining evening. Thanks, Mike!

FOR SALE
KENWOOD TS 450 AT W/YK88-SNI 1.8 KHZ FILTER

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ABELL'S ANECDOTES

By Pike W4EPU

A young lady, an only child, graduated from high school with honors. Her parents sent her off to college with great expectations. It was the first time in her life she was ever away from home alone.

Her parents missed her very much. Three months passed before they heard from her. She wrote: "Dear Mom & Dad: I'm sorry I haven't written for so long. Since the dormitory fire, in which I lost all of my belongings, I have been recuperating from a concussion I received when I jumped from a second story window to escape the fire. A nice young man working at the service station across the street called the ambulance that took me to the hospital. That same young man was kind enough to let me live in his apartment until the dormitory was rebuilt. And, congratulations, Mom and Dad. You will soon be grandparents."

"Actually folks, that story is not really true. There was no dormitory fire. I was not injured. I did not go to the hospital. You are not going to be grandparents. In fact, there is no man in my life. You see, I just wanted to put things in perspective before I tell you I just had my first exams and made D's in English and Sociology and F in math."

THIS AND THAT

By Joan Hoag

Did you Know? The rules of grammar can be traced to an eighteenth century clergyman who had no formal education in grammar. One of the most prolific contributors to the Oxford English Dictionary was criminally insane.

If in our daily life we can smile, . . . everyone will profit from it. This is the most basic kind of peace work.

Unfortunately for Phyllis, she was too good a cook and a perfectionist as well. Her dinners were exquisite, talked about, marveled over, but never emulated - nor even, for that matter, was she invited back. Uneasy feelings pervaded the women of Fall River, followed by feelings of embarrassment and guilt. Presently they crossed the street when they saw her approaching and she wondered what she had done wrong. John Crispin

For a man to pretend to understand women is bad manners. For him to really understand them is bad morals! Henry James

To know one woman well is to know all women. Spanish Proverb

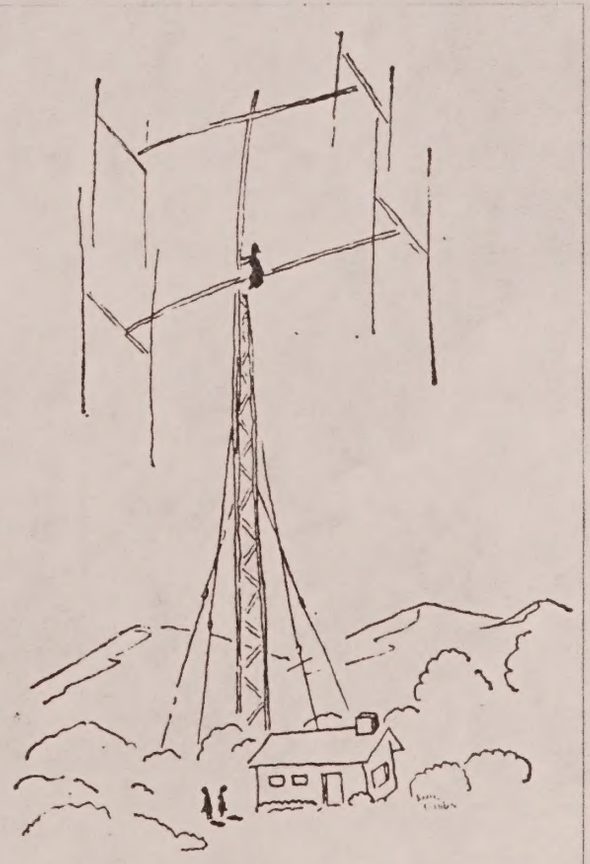
The most virtuous hears have a touch of hell's own fire in them. Tennyson

Fame is a sort of mummy case in which the creative talents of yesterday lie in state. Ben Hecht

What the caterpillar calls the end of life the Master calls a butterfly. Richard Bach

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle; the other is as though everything is a miracle. Albert Einstein

You have to be somebody before you can afford to be nobody special.



"Sometimes I almost wished he drank or chased women like other men."

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Total Membership: 270 (includes 53 family members and 8 honorary

New Members: KE6DPF Paul Yocom
KE4GOP Bernero Flanagan

Renewals: KE4AED Jim Shaver
DE4BIA Kathryn Shaver
KB4BHS Glen Lee
KD4DOJ Faye Skidmore
KE4FFA Mona Skidmore
KE4HOE Fred Haddad
KE4GOQ Mike Haddad
K4IXU John Pittman
WA4JWU Roger Verble
KA4NZM Dick Ruffe
AD4PC Dick Shore
KD4RLT W. Merrill
KD4SSK Bill Mitchell
KC4UWK Al Koller
K4VTY Dave Springer
KA4VYH Bill Young
N4DQT Bob Young
KB4CAR Jean Young
KB4CAS Michelle Young
KC4WGU James Hensley
KC4SYD Cliff Hoag
N9EZV Ken Tendick
N9FAB Lorraine Tendick

UPCOMING FLORIDA HAMFESTS

11/5	EUSTIS: Lake Co. Frgrnds. SR 44 Talk-in on 147.255
1/12	LAKE WORTH: FREE! Sunset Ridge Pk. Talk-in on 146.670
11/12	HIALEAH: FREE! Hileah Adult Center Noon to 5. Talk-in on 146.805
11/19-20	TAMPA: Expo Hall - FL state Frgrnds Talk-in on 146.940 & 442.275
12/3	OKEECHOBEE: Agriculture Ctr. Bldg. on US 441. Talk-in on 147.195
12/3	OCALA: Marion City Livestock Pav. Jacksonville Rd. Talk-in on 146.970

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!